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ELECT SCHOOL HEAD.

Fort Mill Board Chooses C. C. Stewart of Pendleton.

At a prolonged session Monday night of the board of trustees of the Fort Mill graded school, C. C. Stewart of Pendleton, Anderson county, was elected superintendent of the school for the 1921-22 session, which opens early in September. Of the many applications received by the board for the position, Mr. Stewart's was accompanied by recommendations from well known school men which were considered best by the board and there was practical unanimity in his election.

Mr. Stewart is an A. B. graduate of the University of South Carolina and recently has been at Peabody college, Nashville, Tenn., working for the M. A. degree. He has had eight years' experience as a teacher, first at Cope, Orangeburg county, where he was in charge of the school for three years, following which he was superintendent for two years of the school at Trenton, Edgefield county, and for the last three years has been head of the school at Pendleton. Each of the changes Mr. Stewart has made in his school work has been in the nature of a promotion. That his connection with the schools he has served was satisfactory to the trustees is attested by the fact that each year he received an increase in salary and has never applied for reelection.

Mr. Stewart is 32 years old, is married and has two little daughters. He is a member of the Presbyterian church and among the numerous recommendations he submitted to the Fort Mill board was one from the Rev. Robert Adams, pastor of the Pendleton Presbyterian church, in which Mr. Adams said: "I take pleasure in recommending Mr. C. C. Stewart as a Christian gentleman and a qualified teacher and school principal."

With the election of Mr. Stewart as superintendent of the Fort Mill school, the corps of teachers for the next session is complete with the exception of two vacancies, which have recently occurred by teachers who were elected some weeks ago declining to accept the work. These vacancies will be filled at a meeting of the board to be held within a day or two after the arrival of Mr. Stewart, who is expected to come to Fort Mill from Dillon the latter part of the week.

REPUBLICANS IN ROW.

Discord Crops Out Among Members of Congress.

Eugene A. Hutcheson of Rock Hill, secretary to Congressman Stevenson, who returned to his home one day last week from Washington for a short vacation, was in Fort Mill for a few hours Friday. While here he said to The Times that there was a merry row on in Washington among house Republicans which the Democrats were watching with interest. Mr. Hutcheson's statement was emphasized by press dispatches Wednesday morning which said that a call had been issued by Representative Anson of New York for a conference last night of the 100 new Republican members of the house who were dissatisfied with conditions.

In the call it was stated that none of the objects for which Congress had been called into special session had been accomplished. "Nor is there definite promise as to when they will be," Anson said. "There are upwards of a hundred first-term Republicans in the house and they all feel as I do—that we have not been permitted to make our influence felt."

"Congress was called into special session for certain definite purposes, namely—for revision of the cumbersome, unwieldy and inequitable system of taxation, the passage of a fair protective tariff and the passage of a peace resolution. None of these objects have as yet been accomplished, nor is there any definite promise as to when they will be."

"Nearly three months have passed since the calling of the special session and we want to see action, spelled with a capital A."

MISS WILLIE HOKE DEAD.

Fort Mill Woman Succumbs to Operation in Baltimore.

News of the sudden death at Union Memorial hospital in Baltimore Tuesday night of Miss Willie Mae Hoke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Hoke, was received in Fort Mill yesterday morning with many expressions of sorrow by her friends and the friends of the family.

Miss Hoke left Fort Mill two weeks ago and after spending a few days in Washington became a patient at the Baltimore hospital, where she was operated upon Monday morning, with apparent success, as was indicated in a telegram to the family Monday afternoon from her brother, Joe Hoke. A decided turn for the worse came in her condition Tuesday, however, and she succumbed in a few hours, due to the shock of the operation. Miss Hoke had been a sufferer for several years from heart trouble and it was with great reluctance that her family consented for her to have the operation performed.

Miss Hoke was 34 years old. She was a woman of marked intelligence and culture and had taught successfully in the Fort Mill public school and the public school at Summerton, Williamsburg county. She returned to her home in Fort Mill last Christmas after spending 18 months in Washington in the government service. She was an active member of the D. A. R. and had been a member of the Fort Mill Presbyterian church since her girlhood. Besides her father and mother, Miss Hoke is survived by three brothers, John S. Hoke and Paul W. Hoke of Fort Mill and Joe Hoke of Spencer, N. C.

The body of Miss Hoke reached Fort Mill from Baltimore this morning and was taken to the home, where the funeral services, in charge of the Rev. W. R. Bouknight, assisted by Dr. J. W. H. Dyches, will be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Interment will be in New Unity cemetery.

R. G. GRAHAM IN EXTREMIS.

Former Fort Mill Citizen Seriously Ill at Rutherfordton.

News of the critical illness at Rutherfordton, N. C., of Robert G. ("Peg Leg") Graham will be received in the Fort Mill community and throughout York county generally with genuine regret by the army comrades and other friends of the former Confederate soldier and well known citizen.

Mr. Graham has been making his home near Charlotte for several years, whence he moved from Fort Mill township. His name is among the hundred and more inscribed on the local Confederate monument of Fort Mill men who served in the Southern army in the War Between the States.

Some years ago Mr. Graham was a prominent figure at all the local gatherings of Confederate veterans and at political meetings and on such occasions usually was surrounded by a group of his friends anxious to hear his war stories or observations on questions of public interest. He took a prominent part in the Hampton "red shirt" campaign in '76. As a youth he volunteered for service in the Confederate army and as a member of Company B, 6th South Carolina regiment, was continuously with his command until he was so severely wounded in a skirmish in Virginia in 1864 that amputation of one of his legs was necessary.

Mr. Graham himself thinks his present illness will terminate fatally. Monday he gave his final message to his Confederate comrades as follows:

"Tell my comrades in the Charlotte camp I will not meet with them any more. See that I am put away all right. Would like for my Sunday school at Pineville to attend my funeral. I want to be buried in my new Confederate uniform which the Daughters gave me at Sharon, S. C. I will soon cross over the river."

Capt. Frank Potts of Columbia is spending several days at the home of his father, Hon. O. W. Potts, in the Pleasant Valley community.

NEWS OF YORK COUNTY.

Current Items of Interest Found in the Yorkville Enquirer.

Unlawful distilling is going on in every township in the county and the business is on the increase rather than on the decrease.

Mr. D. Horace Brown, who lives near Oak Ridge school house in the northeastern part of Bethesda township, lost 31 bales of cotton last Saturday evening when lightning struck his cotton house. There were 32 bales in the house and only one was saved.

Accepting a material reduction in salary, Prof. W. S. Reid, during the past year superintendent of the Clover high school, has been reelected and has accepted. Trustees and patrons of the school were particularly pleased with the work of Prof. Reid and are happy to learn that he is coming back again. Prof. R. S. Cochran, principal of the school, has also been reelected and has accepted.

Mr. W. D. Bowlin, who lives on Fishing creek, about 10 miles southeast of Yorkville, raises lots of chickens. They range in the wide flat bottoms of Fishing creek near his home. It is a fine place for chickens under ordinary conditions, but it does not suit at all under conditions of high water. Because of the big rain Sunday night of last week and Monday the creek got up in record time and caught large numbers of chickens in the bottoms. Mr. Bowlin and Mr. R. E. Wingate went in after the chickens. They succeeded in saving quite a number, but many were lost.

They always raise a lot of corn in Bethel township, as everybody knows. They are also strong for wheat and oats up that way. Ask farmers about it this year and they'll tell you that the acreage devoted to those crops is as large if not larger than it was last year. Up towards Riddle's mill, going in from Clover by the homes of J. B. Ford, A. L. Campbell, I. H. Campbell, the Glenn place, R. Meek Barnett's, Will Adams, Dr. T. N. Dulin's, Will Wallace's, Gus Brandon's and so on, one sees lots of corn planted. Although it is small, it is apparently in good shape. There's been mighty little rain and there has been no trouble about keeping it clean.

Folks up Bethel way are mighty keen to see something started in the building of that bridge across Catawba river above Wright's ferry. York county and Mecklenburg county have already gotten together in regard to furnishing the money, and according to the Bethel people asked about it, unless somebody throws a monkey wrench into the machinery somewhere, why it won't be so long before construction work will be started. In all probability the bridge will be located at what is known as the "Buster Boyd" site. The site gets its name by reason of the fact that it adjoins the premises of a Mecklenburg county farmer named Buster Boyd, who has been a great booster for the bridge for years.

Best almshouse in the State under the best management is the distinction that the State Board of Public Welfare gives the York county home and I. P. Boyd, the superintendent. Here is a report that has just been made by Assistant Secretary Brearty of a visit to the county on June 9: "The York county almshouse is one of the few commendable institutions of its kind in South Carolina. The permanent plant is ranked as the best in the State, even though the cement walls are showing signs of weakening, and the management of Mr. I. P. Boyd is a credit to the county. The food supplied is better than at any other almshouse and there has been no complaint of the preparation. In addition to the usual food, eggs are given frequently, milk twice a day, butter at every meal and ham or chicken at least once a week. The chief improvement since last year is that the roof has been repaired and repainted. The cement that has crumbled off should be resurfaced before further damage is done and the entire plant should be screened against flies and mosquitoes."

SCHOOL BUILDING AID.

Education Department Gives Fort Mill District \$1,000.

Although the Fort Mill high school building was not put up in accordance with the requirements of the law, says John E. Swearingen, State superintendent of education, in a letter written on June 15 to John E. Carroll, superintendent of education for York county, the application of the trustees of the school for \$1,000 State aid in paying for the erection of the building has been approved. Mr. Swearingen adds in the letter, however, that he "feels sure the State superintendent himself will be criticised by many people because of the faults in the Fort Mill school building."

The letter of Mr. Swearingen to the county superintendent follows:

"Today I am paying the Fort Mill building application in the sum of \$1,000. The building appropriation for 1921 was exhausted early in the spring. Fortunately the budget commission has allowed a small balance from another source to be used to supplement building allowances. It is from this source that you are being sent building aid for Fort Mill."

"The plan of this building could have been improved. The construction has never been accepted by the State board of education or any representative of the board."

"The mistakes, however, were honest mistakes. The new building is a great improvement over the former structure. The district needs the money. I hope that any communities intending to apply for building aid hereafter will be more careful in meeting the requirements of the law. It is a pleasure to cooperate with you in aiding the district, although I feel sure the State superintendent himself will be criticised by many people because of the faults in the Fort Mill school building."

MAY GET POSTMASTERSHIP.

C. J. McElhaney Recommended by Republican Chairman.

It begins to look as if there will be a change in the postmastership of Fort Mill within a few days. Word was received in Fort Mill from Washington Saturday that C. J. McElhaney had been recommended for the local postmastership by Joe W. Tolbert, Republican State chairman, and that Mr. McElhaney probably would be advised to take charge of the office July 1 as the successor of W. B. Ardrey, acting postmaster for the last year. Mr. Ardrey has been anxious to give up the office for some time and several weeks ago wrote Congressman Stevenson a letter stating that he wished to be relieved of the duties of postmaster as soon as possible. He has been acting for the bondsmen of B. H. Massey, who resigned the postmastership July 1, 1920, and has never been officially appointed.

Mr. McElhaney is not without experience in the postal service. For several years he was assistant to Postmaster Massey and his friends are confident that should he receive the appointment he will fill the office to the satisfaction of both the government and the public. At present he is a member of the town council of Fort Mill. Not until a few days ago was it known, and then only to a few, that he was an applicant for the postmastership. In politics he has been a Democrat, a fact which the Republican State chairman is said to have been aware of when the recommendation was made.

It is presumed that should Mr. McElhaney receive the temporary appointment, he will stand the civil service examination for the permanent appointment.

Youth Killed in Rock Hill.

Hope Crenshaw, aged 19 years, an operative at the Arcade mill in Rock Hill, was instantly killed at noon Tuesday when he entered the transformer house at the mill. In some way a "short" was made and he received the full strength of the high power lines entering the building.

ALIENS SWAMP PORTS.

Foreigners Seek Entrance Despite Immigration Law.

The 3 per cent immigration law has been on the statute books of the United States less than two months, but already it has developed enough "kick" to make life miserable for several cabinet officers and the immigration authorities in general. On top of the protests of the societies of foreigners now in this country and those of steamship companies in this country and abroad, the immigrants themselves have taken a hand in the affair and it required the combined efforts of hundreds of Boston policemen last week to prevent a riot on the docks of that city.

When the passage of the 3 per cent immigration law by Congress became a foregone conclusion there was a grand rush of foreigners, especially from the shores of the Mediterranean sea, to reach the United States before it became operative. For the first time in the history of steamship companies premiums were paid for steerage berths and even then the demand for passage was so heavy that ships in foreign ports had to anchor in midstream and load secretly.

As a result there were soon on the high seas enough Italians, Portuguese and Spaniards to make up the quota for one month under the new law. Those who arrived first were admitted, but when the steamship Canopic reached Boston two weeks ago with more than 1,200 Italians and Portuguese, the limit for June had been reached.

The immigrants were kept aboard ship while the steamship company and Washington used the wires to argue what should be done with the shipload of foreigners. But the Italians became restless and finally agreed to a concerted assault on the dock officials, seeking to enter by force the portals of the "promised land." Police reserves were required to defeat the attempt and even then the trouble was not quelled until after a day's fighting.

Picnic for Mill Employees.

George Fish, general manager of the mills of the Fort Mill Manufacturing company, announces that the company will give a picnic and barbecue to its employees and friends at Spratt's spring, near town, Monday, July 4. An interesting program, embracing various games and contests, has been arranged for the occasion and a day of recreation and pleasure is promised all who attend. George W. McKenzie, superintendent of mill No. 2, is actively in charge of the arrangements for the picnic and barbecue.

Mill Running Nights.

For the first time in several months night work has been under way this week in the weave room of mill No. 2 of the Fort Mill Manufacturing company, due to lightning Saturday night putting out of commission one of the three transformers at the mill. The damaged transformer was sent to Charlotte to be repaired, however, and the mill management expects it to be returned by the end of the week, and the night work will then be at an end.

Studebaker Car Burned.

A practically new Studebaker roadster belonging to Jesse L. Howie, Fort Mill man, caught fire on the public road between Fort Mill and Catawba river Sunday night and was quickly ruined by the flames. Mr. Howie was alone in the car at the time. There was some insurance on the car, it was stated, but not enough to cover the loss.

The Fort Mill ball team apparently was headed for another defeat Saturday afternoon by the Aragon mill boys in Rock Hill when rain came along and broke up the game in the fourth inning. The score was 7 to 4 in favor of Aragon. These teams play two games on the Fourth, the first in Fort Mill in the morning and the second in Rock Hill in the afternoon.

READY FOR REUNION.

York to Entertain World War Veterans on Fourth.

Anticipating the largest crowd of York county people and those from adjoining counties that the county seat has entertained in years, all plans are practically complete for the holding of the first reunion of York county service men in York, July 4.

The celebration is to be held under the auspices of Meech Stewart post, American Legion, of York and people of the town and community generally are cooperating with the Legionnaires to make the occasion a most successful one.

Congressman J. J. McSwain of the Fourth South Carolina district, whose home is in Greenville, and Capt. Oscar K. Mauldin, well known lawyer of that city and veteran of the Spanish American and World wars, are to be the speakers of the day. Both are expected to arrive in York on July 3.

Lieut. L. E. Shealy, Charlotte aviator, with a long flying record, who has never had an accident, was in York Friday and made arrangements with the Legionnaires to fly to York in his plane on July 3 in order to make flights on July 4. He will land on McFarlan field, one-half mile east of the court house.

A basket dinner will be served and ex-service men and their families and friends are expected to take dinner with them, which will be spread on cool lawns throughout the town.

The Fort Mill military company and at least a portion of the Rock Hill military company are expected to be present and these men will be entertained by townspeople and Legionnaires.

Exercises of the day start at 10 o'clock on the morning of the Fourth with a monster automobile parade. Headed by the Tinzah Concert band and followed by automobiles containing hundreds of ex-soldiers and their friends, the parade of automobiles, all of them decorated in holiday attire, will pass through the principal streets of the town. After the route has been covered the parade will stop at the Yorkville graded school grounds, where the exercises will be formally opened.

The invocation will be by Dr. J. Lee Oates, former clerk of the local exemption board and pastor of the York A. R. P. church, known to Legionnaires as the "War parson." The crowds will be officially welcomed by Mayor E. A. Hall.

Addresses will be made by Capt. Mauldin and Congressman McSwain. Then will come adjournment for dinner. A ball game between Clover and the American Legion Larrupers is scheduled for the afternoon and a street dance for the night. The program also calls for many other features.

Militia to Attend Reunion.

Officers of the Fort Mill military company are this week making arrangements for the company to go to York Monday to take part in the first annual reunion of the ex-service men of the county, to be held under the auspices of Meech Stewart post, American Legion, of York. Yesterday it was stated that the trip to the county seat would be made through the country in motor trucks and that the plan was to leave Fort Mill not later than 8:30 o'clock Monday morning to guard against possible delay on the road and still give the company plenty of time to reach York and take the place assigned it in the parade, scheduled to move at 10 o'clock. While it is expected that more than half the company membership of 100 will attend the reunion, a number of non-commissioned officers will not be able to go because they have been ordered to report Tuesday at the school for non-commissioned officers at Mount Pleasant, where the annual 15-day encampment of the First Regiment, N. G. S. C., begins on July 10. For similar reasons one or two of the company officers may also be unable to attend the reunion in York.